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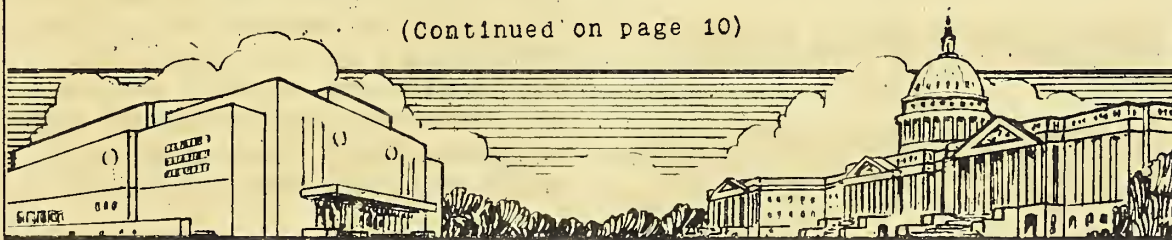
It could have been because it was the first Christmas of "peace on earth" for several years, or just because there were snowflakes in the air. At any rate, the crowd which gathered in the Little Theater on December 21 for the annual Farm Credit Club party seemed gay and in a holiday mood.

Governor Duggan joined Francis Smith, president of the club, in a warm welcome to all, with special greetings to the war veterans who again celebrated the Season with FCA. The popular choral group, led by James Fern, next delighted listeners with several Christmas carols. The spirit was contagious for soon everyone joined in the singing.

Walt Hein, at the microphone, announced the grand march, and when the strains of "Beer Barrel Polka" rolled out J. L. Wilkinson and Esther Ferguson were leading. FCA's own recording machine with dance tunes by Lombardo, Miller, James, and others furnished rhythmic music for the dances which followed.

Three little girls with pigtails and black faces, Virginia Caldwell, Mary Terry, and Arlene Donason, billed as the "Sandrews Sisters"

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News for the next issue of the GRAPE-VINE should be in by Friday, January 4.

The heads of some persons can be turned so easily that the only difference between their heads and doorknobs is the heads might have hair on them....O. A. Battista

Due to the fact that the holidays gave us a shorter work week as well as a reduced writing and producing staff, this issue has been delayed a week beyond the regular issue date.

We hope your Christmas was merry and that the days of the New Year will hold much happiness and good fortune for you and yours.

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Staff Sgt. Gertrude Grove
Wiesbaden, Germany - Excerpts
from a letter to Alma Day dated
November 18, 1945

"I'm leaving here Saturday for Le Havre, where I'll probably have to wait for a couple of weeks, but hope to sail the last of the month. I was anxious to see Germany, but I've had enough. Home will look good to me...It is raining hard at the moment, and due to shortage of fuel, we have no electricity during the day and no heat...Every place where we might go in the evenings closes

at 10:30 and there's nothing to do but go to bed. Give my best regards to all the boys and girls."

Alma Day also received a letter from a former employee of the Cooperative Division who is now in Tokyo as Secretary to the Political Adviser to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers. He says, "Who should I run into last night but Bob Willy. He didn't have on his insignia, so I am not sure, although I believe he said he was Lieut. Colonel in charge of civil affairs. He expects to be home in six weeks."

Excerpts from letter from Mrs. William Koll to Farm Credit Club.

"After a year as a C.P.T. student, Bill had a temporary deferment and then went into the army as a private. He was with the 39th Infantry, and his Division was one of those that held back the Krauts in the Battle of the Bulge. He was hospitalized for frozen feet for about 6 weeks, and afterwards was a Cadreman in Troyes and Chateau Thierry, France. He is now at a technical school in England studying about airplane engines. He has the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and 2 battle stars for actual combat at the time of the Bulge. He is now

eligible for discharge, but it is now a question of "finding a ship."

Our daughter, Laurel Ann, is almost 22 months old now. She looks just like Bill. Please extend my kindest regards and best wishes to all those who remember Bill and me.

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NEWS OF OUR RETURNED SERVICE MEN

The Fiscal Operations Section of FFMC once more has the services of Byron A Hollis who has just completed a very fine training program with the army. He parted with FFMC in 1943, took basic training at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Amarillo, Texas. Since then he has been in many other places for specialized study - including a 5-month period at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. He was classified as a Navigator, and had just concluded his overseas training when the war ended.

By the ending of the war, Graphic and Duplicating also has gained two young men who left that Division more than three years ago. Franklin Pugh was with the

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Strictly Personal



Accounts Subdivision. Carol Schmitt and Donna Beirne, with their boy friends, made up a recent gay ice skating party at the Pla Mor....Doris Adams from Stenographic Pool is a new member of the section....Louise Noblet is motoring around the west coast, mainly enjoying the State of Oregon....Home from military service, Kenneth Caldwell is a welcome newcomer....Loree Proctor battled the flu for several days....Anticipating Christmas pleasures in other cities, Rowena Moore is departing for Chicago; Helen McCabe for Terre Haute, Ind.; Nora Reynolds for Parsons, Kans.; and Doris Adams for Ozawie, Kans.

Administrative Accounts. Dorothy Owens, transferring to Public Buildings Administration on December 14, was entertained at a dinner at the Savoy Hotel by coworkers and presented a farewell gift consisting of a necklace and matching earrings... Mina Carter is presently on leave visiting in Pattonsburg, Mo., with her Marine husband, M/T Sgt. Ray Carter, returned from duty in Okinawa....Illness kept John

Reed away from his desk for several days....Rae Crim departed for D. C. for a bit of holiday visiting with her family....Olive Russell hastened to Denver, Colo., for a reunion with her son, Staff Sgt. Brent Russell.

Cooperative. J. P. Markey is presently attending the annual workshop in Washington....Greetings have been received from Virginia Swart in Toyko by former coworkers....C. G. Randall was a D. C. visitor in the office.... Bob Steffy was at home battling the flu for several days....S. Y. McConnell is vacationing at his home in Kansas City....Departees for holiday visits include J. E. Rolfes to Memphis; Leora Welch with Hester Eads to Hester's home in Smithville, Mo.; Mary Jeanne Schaaf to her home in Maryville, Mo.; and Peggy Lowe to her home in Kansas.

Economic & Credit Research.

Charles Lane, recently discharged from the Navy, is welcomed back to the division....Barbara Massey spent a few days looking over the Ozark Hills in Arkansas....Earl Tonn and Ralph Battles attended the recent Outlook Conference in Washington, D. C. We think Mr. Tonn is pleased with his first glimpse of the town.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Ruth

Clark is welcomed back to the division following service with the WAC since May 1944.

Examination. Our sympathy is extended over the miles to Mary Nolz on the recent death of her mother and her brother who was serving in the South Pacific. Mary parted from FCA in June 1945 to accept a position in Minneapolis near her home....Charlotte Liebling, with eyes ashining, displays a new sparkler, the gift of Larry Slotsky, recently returned from overseas' duty.... The Christmas season and December birthdays of Mary Jo Matlick, Hester Eads, Eileen Fascher, and Dorothy Wilson were celebrated on the 14th by girls of the division with dinner at the Savoy Grill and a theatre party following.... Mrs. H. M. Shields was a visitor in the division before returning to Tennessee after a visit with Mr. Shields.

F&A Executive & General. Barbara Kelly is back at her desk following a recent illness....Present sick list includes Ruth McMann and Ruth Hudson.

Finance Subdivision. Olga Markham and Lorraine Meuers were hostesses at a shower given for Marian Murphy at Lorraine's apartment on a recent eve. A buffet supper was served and many useful gifts

were received by Marian for the baby to be....Erma Dinger hastened to Washington, D. C., because of the sudden illness of her husband....Bill Albright brought his family into the office for a short visit....In spite of a train wreck, Helen Thorpe's Marine boy friend at last gladdened her heart with his arrival....Ruby Whitaker was on a 2 weeks' detail in Investment Section....W. T. McKeown traveled to New York on a business trip.... Al Mattern, after reading of the 4 feet of snow in Buffalo, N. Y., has fears that his visit home will turn his "dreams" of a white Christmas into a "nightmare."

General Files. Pat Brazzel was surprised by a visit from her sailor brother who is on leave.... Gil Lagergren, discharged from the Army, is welcomed back to his desk....All members of the section climbed aboard Santa's sleigh in a recent gift of cheer to those less fortunate. Two boxes of toys and food and money amounting to over \$17 will provide seven families with happy Christmastimes.

Graphic. Don Dillon and his walking turtle, Edna Misterek and her wolf, Kurt Linde and his bubbles - and everyone else in the section enjoyed a Christmas luncheon party, Friday, Dec. 21.

Visitors included Jeannette Paetzer, Margaret Porter, V. V. Hemstreet, Tom Piper, Ethel Pritchard, Tom Pritchard, and George Acinger who is a friend of Bessie Docman...John Kennedy is visiting his family in Washington, D.C. and North Carolina...We were surprised to learn that wedding bells rang out for Don Ferguson and Betty Barnhart Friday night, Dec. 21. Since Dec. 14, Lena Beckstead has been Mrs. Merle Mallam. Much happiness is wished to the newly-weds....Amos Russell's sister-in-law from Denver, and father from Alabama, are spending the holidays with him in Kansas City.

Intermediate Credit. Lillian Masse is departing to spend the holidays with her sister in Detroit, Mich.

Library. Phoebe Norton has word that her mother, Julia, is having a wonderful time traveling the long way home to Florida via New Orleans....Holiday guests expected by Louise Pressgrove are her two sisters from Nashville, Tenn.

Mail. Irma Waechter's sailor brother has arrived home on leave following service in the Pacific area...Bernie Mulcahy, borrowed from Graphic Section while the Mail Room was in distress recently, "pounded the pavement" for a few days and then spent a period at

home with the flu....Seeing a sailor with rings in his ears has caused Mary Kidwell to begin worrying that her boy friend in blue may arrive home beautified with the same kind of ornaments. ...Al Schmeckel reports that a deer was among the "spoils" he recently brought home from a hunting trip enjoyed while vacationing in Minnesota.

Mortgage Corporation Service. Farewells were said to Eleanor Stubblefield when she resigned on December 3 to welcome home her soldier husband and make plans to return to D. C.

Personnel. Lloyd "Wink" Johnson's chief pastime during the holidays will be assisting Santa to make doll furniture for his small daughters....Connie Callaway is anticipating the arrival of her mother and sister in Kansas City for the Christmas season....Divisioners who will spend the time of "peace on earth and good will toward men" with their families in other cities, some of them for the first time since the beginning of the war, include Eleanor Mitchell who will travel to St. Joe, Mo.; Teddy Taylor to Maryville, Mo.; Ruth Biggerstaff to Kansas; Mary Lee Vincent to Bartlesville, Okla.; Marie Wassenberg to Frankfort, Kans.,

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Home Service News



VICTORY LOAN DRIVE CLOSES ON DECEMBER 31

FCA will receive credit toward its Victory Loan quota for all purchases of savings bonds reported during December. From present indications we shall exceed our quota by a goodly margin, largely because of a number of subscriptions to the special Treasury Bond issues. Included among these was a purchase of \$5,000 by the Credit Union. But Secretary Vinson has again emphasized the importance of boosting E bond sales. So why not invest that Christmas check in an extra savings bond by December 31.

LET'S HELP FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

The Kansas City Infantile Paralysis Institute will welcome our help again in its annual campaign for funds. In the past, teams of FCA girls have joined with other groups in soliciting funds in downtown restaurants and places of entertainment.

If you are interested, attend a meeting in Room 2203 at 1:30

o'clock on January 9. Come prepared to make suggestions for a project or projects big enough to permit participation by all who care to help.

Farm Credit employees were sad to learn of the recent deaths of two former employees, Fred Hanscom in Washington, D. C., on December 7, and John T. Walker in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 16.

Fred was born in San Francisco, California, but moved to Kittery, Maine at an early age. He attended George Washington University in Washington where he majored in Public Finance. He transferred to Farm Credit Administration from the Federal Trade Commission in October 1937, and remained in that employ until October 1944, when he transferred to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

John, former deputy intermediate credit commissioner, left Farm Credit this spring after almost eleven years' service with the Administration. He had returned to Florida, where he had spent his youth, with the hope that he would regain his health. His gay and strengthening spirit is sadly missed by his friends in FCA.

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BUY SAVINGS BONDS

Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

PORTRAIT OF A MARRIAGE by

Pearl Buck

LONELY STEEPLE by V. Wolfson

LIGHTS OUT by Baynard Kendrick

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Your 1946 Car

Consumer's Research Bulletin for December 1945 contains the first of a series of articles on the 1946 passenger automobiles. Other interesting articles include one on rubber footwear and another on blankets.

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Members are again reminded that the hours of the circulating library are from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Books should not be taken from the room or returned to the shelves except during these hours.

GOOD LISTENING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Turn your radio dial to station WIBW (580) next Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and listen to "Invitation to Learning." You will hear an interesting discussion by

three authorities on a classic of world literature. Included among the books discussed on recent Sundays were: Boccaccio's Decameron, Napoleon's Memoirs, Steffins' Autobiography, Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee, Twain's Innocents Abroad, and Fitzgerald's Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. The club librarian will gladly assist you in purchasing or borrowing any of these books that you may wish to read.

Royal Crown bottles which members have failed to return are money out of your club's pocket. The committee will appreciate your bringing in any empty bottles you can find to the club room.

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with her husband; Carietta Rech to Howard, Kans.; Camille Humbrecht via plane to New Orleans; Clarice Andrews to Howard, Kans.; and Dorothy O'Bryan to Columbia, Tenn.

Purchase & Supply. Following a 2 month's honeymoon, Ginnie Caldwell is back at her desk radiating happiness...Jack Marshall was on the sick list for a week...Transferring to the Liaison Office in D.C., Mary Jane McGee was presented a lovely lapel pin by coworkers at an office farewell party...Attention girls! For obtaining that sylph-like figure, join Torrence Cease in his inventory of property upstairs and

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Sportlight

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standings

December 20, 1945

Team	W	L	Pinfall
Legal	29	13	25,199
Personnel	23	19	24,774
Reports	21	21	24,509
Audit	21	21	23,558
Finance & Acct.	20	22	24,474
Purchase	20	22	24,023
Production Credit	19	23	23,072
Graphic	15	27	23,540

RECORDS

HTG	Reports	740
HTS	Reports	2,021
HIG	Carter	201
HIS	Terry	515

AVERAGES

Palmer	138
Terry	133
Gerdes-Ruch	131

Legal retained their six-game lead for the top spot by taking two games from Reports. Personnel took the odd game from Purchase. Aided by O'Donnell's 153-408, Audit took two from Graphic. Despite Hague's 158-419, which was high ten and high thirty for the evening. Production Credit dropped two games to Finance and Accounts.

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE (December 20, 1945)

Standing	W	L	Pinfall
Accounts	27	18	30,842
Reports	26	19	32,851
Harvesters	25	20	33,458
Examination	23	22	33,622
Graphic	23	22	33,472
Field Acctg.	22	23	32,880
Short-Term	18	27	32,161
Bankers	16	29	30,088

ACTUAL

HIG	Olson	248
HIS	Dahill	634
HTG	Field Acctg.	924
HTS	Examination	2,474

HANDICAP

HTG	Field Acctg.	924
HTS	Examination	2,474

BIG THREE

Dahill	177-37
Hein	164-25
Bartlett	163-28

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downstairs... "Pop" Mock admits he enjoys the new stock counter service because he gets a chance to meet all the lovely girls who are in a hurry to obtain a package of rubber bands, a pen point, or some paper clips.

Tabulating. Pat Gallivan and Maezel Baehr are welcomed newcomers to the unit... Norma Jeanne Talkington departed for Pendleton, Ore., for a real taste of cold weather.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Roy Lennartson, formerly of CR&S has accepted a position with the Poultry Branch of P&MA. Gordon Leith is back in the "fold" of CR&S after his long sojourn with the Navy says its quite a change to settle down to desk work. We hear that Lt. Gordon Finley is "Dean" of the Business Administration School at Dewey University in Manila. Says he has all the way from enlisted men to Commanders as students!

We can't say that things are quiet here - for plans are underway for our move from the 6th floor 6th wing down to the 5th floor on the C Street side. Also we hear faint echoes of "jingle bells" and Santa Claus is expected to visit our little party on Friday, December 21!

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entertained with a novelty gesture and dancing act. The words and music of "One Meat Ball" rang out, and it was discovered that the girls were not doing the singing only when the records ran down to a screeching end. Jim Green followed with a bit of boogey woogey on the piano and ended with "Together."

When the waltz contest was announced the floor was filled with dancers who glided to the tune of "After the Ball," and the judges had a difficult time narrowing the choice to the teams of Floyd Prentice and Dorothy Morse and Fred Howard and Virginia Lee Davis. In the end the Howard team won by applause, marking the second successive year for the laurels to go to Fred Howard.

Three turkeys and several boxes of candy were given to holders of lucky numbers. Ben Russell, Bernice Schmidt, and Helen Curtin staggered from the stage under the heavy loads of big fat birds.

A number of club members enjoyed just sitting in comfortable seats near friends, watching and munching peanuts and popcorn and drink-pop; others liked the dancing so much that when 4:45 arrived they continued making requests to Bernice Nilson, who was playing

the records, to put on "Just one more tune." Everyone apparently had a good time, including the master of ceremonies, Walt Hein, who departed wearing lipstick evidence of "service performed beyond the line of duty." AB

NEWS OF OUR RETURNED SERVICE MEN (Continued from page 3)

9th Air Force, based in England, and later sent to Chantilly, France. He was a "weather man" and did clerical work at headquarters. Among other things, he assisted in assembling data from which officers made up flight information about "ceilings" etc., and made weather maps. He says the buzz bombs were irritating, but did not cause him too great discomfort. Woodrow W. Smith is the second of Duplicating's returned service men. He was with Naval Intelligence - a Specialist Photographer. Based in Ireland for a time, he was sent to the continent after D-day with the amphibious forces. Here he was connected with a C.U.B. unit (Navy landing force) and accompanied it on landing forays to take necessary pictures. Such work included the photographing of enemy installations and records. On VE-day he participated in London's victory celebration and returned to the States on November 5.

Joseph P. Kudlack has returned to F&A Division, Admin. and Service Sec. after an exciting career of 37 months with the marines. He was with the Anti-aircraft of a Marine Dive Bombing Sqdn., and spent 20 months in the Southwest Pacific. Bougainville, New Georgia, and Munda were way stations on his itinerary, and he is happy that the end of the tour brought him again to FCA and K.C.